

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Maiden Lot Inventory Number: K-198  
Address: 27030 Morgnec Road City: Chestertown Zip Code: 21620  
County: Kent USGS Topographic Map: Chestertown  
Owner: SARF Real Estate, Inc. Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 1 Tax Map Number: 38 Tax Account ID Number: 001578  
Project: Chestertown DBM Emergency Services Tower Agency: DCM  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property known as Maiden Lot occupies a prominent waterfront parcel on the northern banks of the Chester River. The brick house, facing the water, was constructed by M. Marion and Nellie A. Malcolm around 1918.<sup>1</sup> This Neo-Classical house is a square-plan, two-story structure oriented with the front door facing east with a two-story porch on the south side facing the Chester River to the south. A hipped roof with slate shingles hosts two gabled dormers on each side of the house. The windows are all six-over-six sash flanked with louvered shutters. The front door is off-center to the northeast corner with two windows positioned to the left of the door and three equally-spaced windows above on the second floor. The fenestration on the north side of the house consists of four windows on the second story and four on the first, with a large space in between, suggesting an interior structural wall.

A service or kitchen wing and garage wing extend from the west side of the house. Each wing is 1½ stories tall with gabled roofs. The garage roof mimics the main house with extended shed dormers windows.

Maiden Lot is an example of a unique house built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century on the Chester River bank. However, the house is not considered historically significant due to the relatively new construction period compared to the earlier construction periods of structures in nearby Chestertown or the surrounding rural properties. This particular architectural style does not

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: Good example of its type and period in the region.

Andrew Lewis  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/09/04  
Date

B. Buntz  
Reviewer, NR Program

11/30/04  
Date

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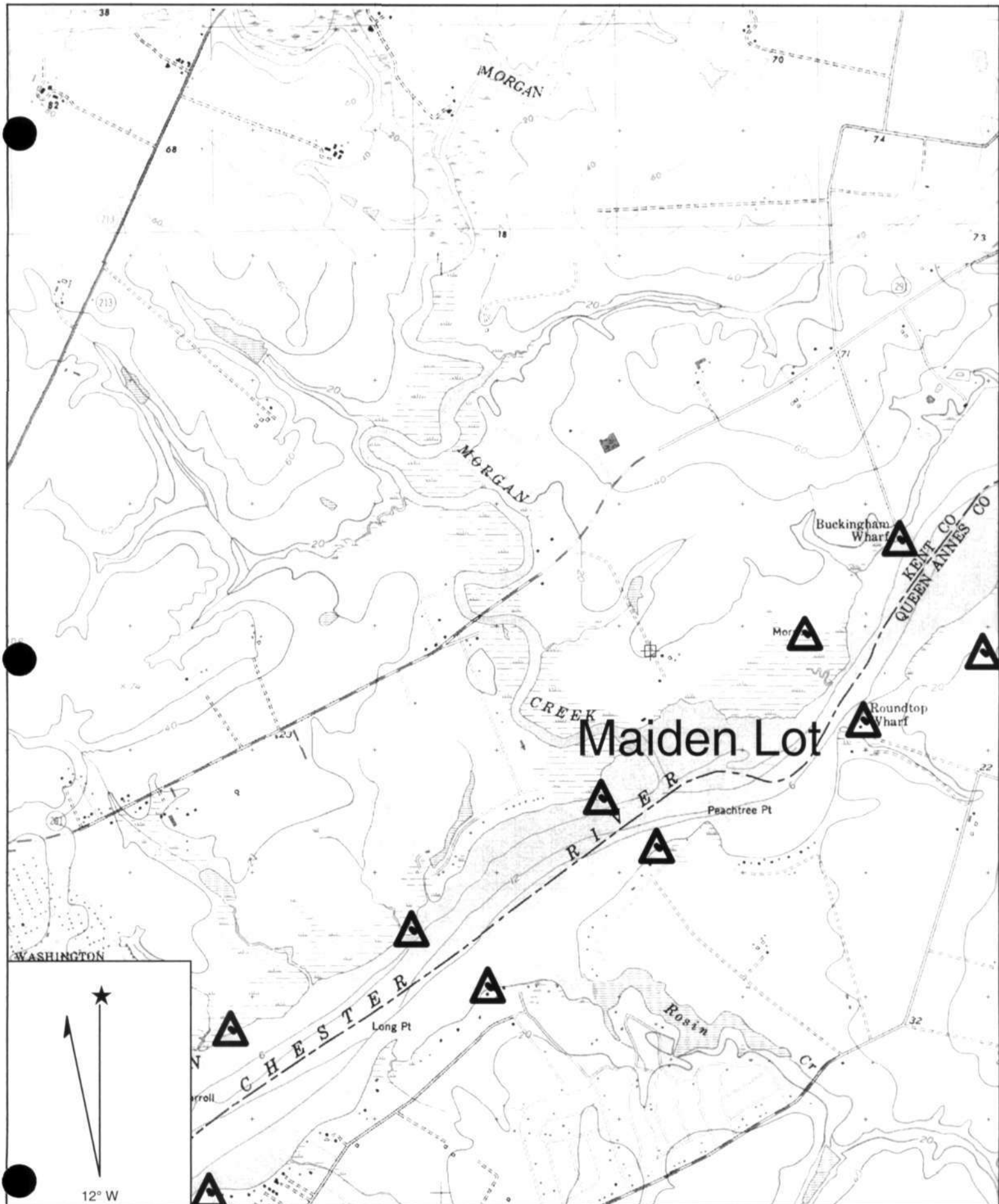
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significantly contribute to the understanding of the history or development of this area, and is not known to be associated with a significant person or event. Though the property is picturesque, it is not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair

Date Prepared: July 19, 2004

<sup>i</sup> Fritz, Marsha. "MHT- Inventory From For State Historic Sites Survey for Maiden Lot," 1977.



Name: CHESTERTOWN  
Date: 7/29/2004  
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 14' 04.51" N 076° 02' 16.74" W  
Caption: MIHP# K-198  
Maiden Lot  
Kent County



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Maidenlot

Kent County, MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG: MD SHPO

View of the Facade (north side) of the  
brick house & garage.

Photo 1/4



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Maidenlot

Kent Co., MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG: MD SHPO

View of the back (south side) of the  
house facing the Chester River.

Photo: 2/4





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Kent County, MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG: MD SHPO

View of the west side of the house looking  
at the garage.

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Maidenlot

Kent. CO, MD

Kathryn St. Clair, 06/04

NEG: MD SHPO

View of the northeast side of the house.

Photo: 4/4

MAIDEN LOT  
Chestertown, Maryland  
(ca 1920)

From the Chester River, Maiden Lot is one of Kent County's most notable houses. Its siting on a beautiful cove and its massive columned porch make it the dominant building on its part of the river. The structure, built about 1920, is a Neo-classical design with a hipped roof and formal terraced entry.

The name Maiden Lot first appears on a 1701 deed for this property.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

MAIDEN LOT

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*North side of the Chester River, 1/4 mile  
east of the mouth of Morgan Creek*

CITY, TOWN

*Chestertown*

VICINITY OF

*First*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

*Maryland 21620**Kent*

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME *Dr. & Mrs. A. C. Dick*Telephone #: *301-778-1612*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*Maiden Lot*

CITY, TOWN

*Chestertown*

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21620***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*Liber #: *E H P 49*Folio #: *85*

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

*Chestertown, Maryland 21620*

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

*Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County*

DATE

*1970*☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS*Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle*

CITY, TOWN

*Annapolis, MD 21401*

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED (slightly)

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Maiden Lot is the 18th century name of the land upon which stands an interesting early 20th century Neo-classic house. The house is situated on the shore of the Chester River, facing south, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from Morgnec Road.

The building is constructed of Brick. Two stories in height the house is nearly square in plan and has a tall hipped slate roof with two gable dormers in each roof slope. On the river facade is a two story porch which has a shallow hipped roof supported by four square columns. The porch extends across the entire front of the house.

The main entrance to Maiden lot is on the east facade. The entrance door has a sunburst transom light and side lights and is reached by crossing a raised flagstone terrace.

Service wings and garages form an ell to the west of the main block. These rooms are 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  stories high and are constructed of frame with slate roofs.

Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters painted green. Dormer windows also have 6/6 sash.

The brick is very regular in shape and laid in common bond with portland cement mortar. There are flat arches over window openings but no decorative brick work. The brick walls and wooden trim are painted white.

Like many houses of this period, the main stair and entrance are located in one corner of the plan. At Maiden Lot this is the north east portion of the house and the 90° stair rises to the third story in a generous stair hall.

Behind the stair on the first floor is a library. The living room and dining room occupy the southern portion of the building and are connected with wide doorways. Minor alterations in the house have been made in the kitchen and library.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES *ca 1920*BUILDER/ARCHITECT *M. Marion & Nellie A. Malcolm*

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*From the river, Maiden Lot is one of Kent County's most notable houses. Its siting on a beautiful cove and its massive porch standing above lawns and marshes make it the dominant building on its part of the River. In terms of design, Maiden Lot is one of Kents most significant Neo-classical structures.*

*The building was constructed by M. Marion and Nellie A. Malcolm, formerly of New Jersey. They bought the 304 acres of Maiden Lot in 1918 along with a neighboring 200 acres to the east for a total of \$29,000. The Malcolms evidently constructed the building soon thereafter. In 1932 the property was inherited by their son Oathman who sold it in 1938. Evidently the building had been left vacant for several years and the new owners, Harry and Dorothy Cannon, undertook an extensive program of repair and improvement. It was the Cannons who added modern mechanical systems, reorganized the kitchen, and added plaster cornices in the first floor rooms.*

*The name Maiden Lot first appeared in Kent County in 1701 and referred to a tract of 182 acres (Liber 1/486.) Additional purchases increased the acreage to several hundred acres by the middle of the 18th century.*

*The present Maiden Lot house replaces an earlier building which was illustrated in a plat prepared for Chancery proceeding in 1867 (Chancery Dockett JKH 6/132.) The building stood on the site of the present house and probably survived until the early 20th century. There was another early house nearby on the bank of Morgans Creek. The building appears on maps of 1953 but has now vanished.*

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

Kent County Chancery Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600 ext. 67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



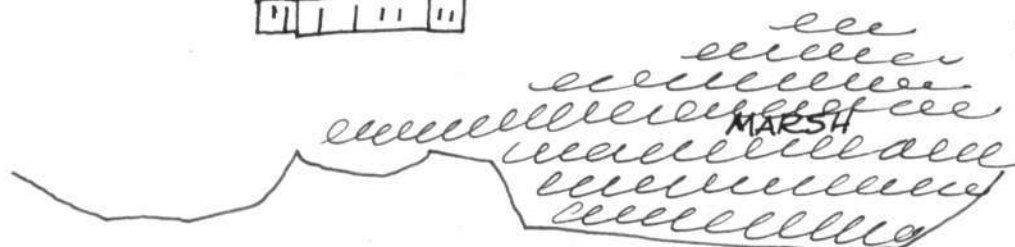
Window and door trim is flat, about 5" in width, and made up of a fillet--ogee--shallow arc--ogee--fillet combination. Turned corner blocks are used at the corners. Simpler trim is used on the upper stories.

Doors have six raised and beveled panels with quarterround panel moldings. Mantle designs are based on the Federal style with oval sunburst shields on the frieze. The stair has a closed string, turned balusters, and a square, fluted newel.

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House formerly on the site  
of Maiden Lot (Chancery  
Records: JKH6/132, Nov.  
1867.)



CHESTER RIVER BANK



This small house formerly  
stood near the mouth of  
Morgan Creek (Chancery  
Records, JKH6/130, Nov.  
1867.)



MORGAN CREEK

MAIDEN LOT (K-198)  
Chain of Title

Land Records of  
Kent County

Transaction

WHG 11  
584

TO: Alexander C. & Dorothy Q. Dick  
FROM: Harry B. & Dorothy H. Cannon  
DATE: July 15, 1949

RAS 20  
44

TO: Harry B. & Dorothy H. Cannon  
FROM: Oathman A. Malcolm  
DATE: May 17, 1938

Oathman inherited "Edgewater Farm" from  
his parents in 1932.

APR 3  
118

TO: M. Marion & Nellie A. Malcolm  
FROM: Curwen B. & Clara B. Fisher  
DATE: January 22, 1918

The 304 acres and premises sold for \$15,000.  
The Malcolms also bought 200 + acres from the  
Fishers.

JTD 21  
41

TO: Curwen B. & Clara B. Fisher  
FROM: James & Catherine P. Brice  
DATE: March 1, 1910

For \$11,250, 304 acres and premises.

SB 15  
454

TO: James Brice  
FROM: Thomas W. Eliason, Mortgagee  
DATE: June 10, 1892

Sold by Eliason in a public sale after  
"due public notice had been given." This is the  
first reference to the name "Maidens Lot." 304  
acres were sold for \$6,279.91

Land Records of  
Kent County

Transaction

SB 1  
542

TO: Thomas W. Eliason, Mortgagee  
FROM: Thomas S. & Louisa Wilmer  
DATE: January 18, 1881

Thomas S. Wilmer was living on the property at the time here he mortgages the property to Thomas Eliason to satisfy a debt of about \$5,000.

DCB 3  
128

TO: Thomas S. Wilmer  
FROM: George Vickers & Richard Hynson, Trustees  
DATE: September 1, 1877


This 304 acres was involved in a Chancery proceeding between Hugh Maxwell Wallis, deceased, and Sarah A. Wallis, his wife and heir. This was the Home Farm of Mr. Wallis. The property was sold for \$11,431.00 in 1867. This deed indicates the Chancery proceeding has been completed and the title is clear.

Chancery Records  
JKH 6  
132

These records include a survey and plat of the property. It includes 304+ acres and included a house on the site of the present building.

1501985 1804 4735

Form 10-445  
(5/62)

<p>1. STATE <i>Maryland</i> COUNTY <i>Kent</i> TOWN <i>Chestertown</i> VICINITY STREET NO. <i>Rt 447, 2 miles east of Rt 213</i> <i>(South to house)</i> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <i>dwelling</i> PRESENT OWNER <i>A.C. Dick</i> PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES</p>		<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <i>K. 198</i></p>	
		<p>2. NAME <i>Maiden Lot</i>  DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER</p>	
		<p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p><i>18th century name of the land</i></p> <p><i>House built around 1930's- architecturally unimportant.</i></p> <p>OPEN TO PUBLIC</p>			
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    <i>Endangered</i>                      <i>Interior</i>                      <i>Exterior</i></p>			
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p></p>			
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Maiden Lot Site — K-198

18th Century name of the land

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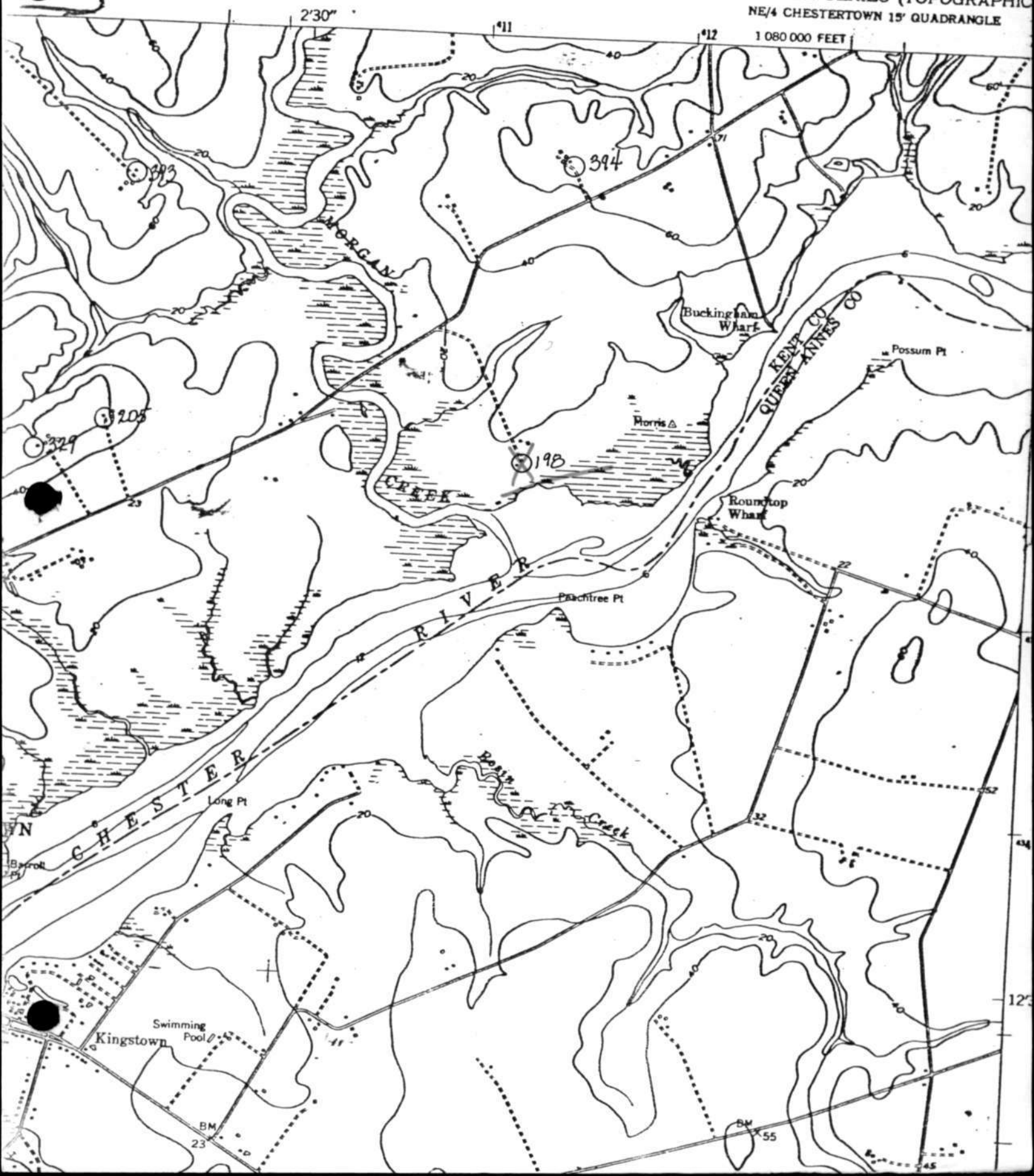
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ARMY

CHESTERTOWN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE 1/4 CHESTERTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

1 080 000 FEET







*J. Tyler Campbell*  
FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHY  
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

JAN 15 1980

*Southfork*

*South Facade*

*MAIDEN LOT (K-198)*

*Chestertown, Kent County*

*Photograph: M.L. Fritz, January 1980*